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Subject: Re: Interview request — Mr. Matthew Schneider

Hi Shayla,

Thanks for this response — really appreciate it. Correct, the types of questions and inquiries we're looking for are generally similar to those I sent over earlier. As I mentioned before, feel free to let me know if there are concerns about any of them/if your team needs any clarification about the story and its scope.

Best,
David

On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 4:36 PM Powell, Shayla <Powell.Shayla@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi David,

Acknowledging receipt. Are your questions for Matthew Schneider similar/same as sample questions shared earlier today?

Thanks.

Respectfully,

Shayla R. Powell

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From: David Leffler <dleffler@publichealthwatch.org>
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Good afternoon,

My name is David Leffler and I'm a reporter with Public Health Watch, a nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization focused on threats to America's well-being.

I'm currently working on a story looking back at the 2019 fire at the Intercontinental Terminal Company's (ITC) facility in Deer Park, Texas. Specifically, I'm hoping to better understand the facility's maintenance and history, including past violations and similar aspects of EPA and TCEQ oversight.

During my research, I came across Mr. Matthew Schneider's inspection of the facility in the fall of 2016 on behalf of NEIC. (Mr. Schneider informed me that you two are the appropriate people to direct this request to, but please let me know if this is not the case.) His inspection itself has been very helpful for the story, but I have a few follow-up questions that I'd like to, if at all possible, run by Mr. Schneider. Just hoping to learn more about his experience during the inspection, what stood out to him most at the time, and similar inquiries about the inspection.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration here. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns that I can help address, or if you'd like more information about this project.

Best regards,
David Leffler
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